

BIG BLAST CAUSES PANIC IN WALDORF.

Wild Excitement Follows Dynamite Explosion on Site of Old Stewart Mansion—Two Persons Seriously Hurt.

By the explosion of an improperly controlled blast two men were injured—one fatally—at Thirty-fourth street and Fifth avenue this afternoon. The accident occurred in the excavation on the site of the old Stewart mansion, directly across from the Waldorf-Astoria Hotel, where preparations are being made for the foundation of a fourteen-story office building.

Morris Harnett, of No. 271 West One Hundred and Thirtieth street, and Ferdinand Holley, of No. 72 West One Hundred and Thirtieth street, were the men injured. Both were struck by flying pieces of stone. Harnett, who was working in the excavation, sustained a fractured skull. Holley, a designer for Hester Bros., furniture dealers on the third floor of the building at No. 271 Fifth avenue, was struck by a fifteen-pound stone that crashed through a window near which he was working. His thigh was broken.

Reign of Broken Stones.
The force of the explosion threw the stones that were dislodged in the direction of Fifth avenue and debris rained on that thoroughfare for a few

moments from Thirty-fourth to Thirty-fifth street. A heavy stone broke a large plate-glass window in the gas-fixture house of the Oakley-Knos Company on the ground floor of No. 271 Fifth avenue, narrowly missing a young woman who was seated at a desk in the office. Windows were cracked in other buildings in the vicinity, and all of the windows were blown out of a Thirty-fourth street cross-town car that was passing at the time. None of the passengers was injured.

It was the busiest hour of the day in Fifth avenue and Thirty-fourth street and intense confusion followed the explosion. A score of runaways were narrowly averted. The noise of the explosion, the crashing of broken glass and the shouts of drivers and coachmen, had the effect of causing a panic in the Waldorf-Astoria Hotel. Memories of the Fourth avenue explosion of a week ago to individual in the well-dressed throngs in the corridors of the big hotel and everybody started for the nearest door. The greatest confusion was in the

dining-room along the Fifth avenue side of the hotel. The turmoil in the streets was plainly visible to those at the tables. Their appetites deserted them when they realized that something of the nature of a disaster had happened in the neighborhood and the waiters were powerless to stop the exodus for the corridors and the open air.

Tangle in a Tangle.
The tangle of traffic that resulted from the accident tied up the vehicles in Fifth avenue for blocks north and south of Thirty-fourth street. It took all of the policemen in the neighborhood nearly half an hour to get the tide of travel in motion. Dominic Ragone, of No. 183 Thompson street, the foreman in charge of the work for the Thompson Street Company, was arrested by Policeman Black and locked up in the Tenderloin station. The charge against him is assault. Harnett and Holley were sent to New York Hospital. Line men who set off the blast, an Italian laborer, whose name is not known, escaped in the excitement. When the foreman was arrested all of the workmen in the excavation packed up their tools and disappeared.

GIRL HAS A FIT AS SHE SUES FOR FITS.

KATIE HICKEY HAS TO BE REMOVED FROM COURT-ROOM.

Asks \$25,000 Damages of "L" Company for Injuries from Fall Down Station Stairway.

When sixteen-year-old Katie Hickey was called by Edward Hymes as a witness in the Supreme Court today to tell her story of how her leg caught in the turn rubber matting on the stairs, tripping her so that she went the whole length at the Tremont "L" station, she fell in convulsions on the floor of the court-room.

Dr. Seth Cline testified that Katie had been close to fits of hysterical epilepsy ever since that awful fall down stairs in May 5, 1900, by which her spine was permanently injured. She sues for \$25,000 damages through her father.

Presently the moaning of the girl led Justice O'Gorman to direct that she be removed to another room. The trial went on while Katie lay in an adjoining room with a doctor attending to her.

When Eugene Carleton fell in a similar way in the trial of her suit against the Metropolitan Street Railway, Justice Beach withdrew a juror and ended the trial. But Justice O'Gorman did not object for the Manhattan Railway Company today, and the trial will be concluded if Katie recovers sufficiently to take the stand.

MILLIONAIRE DEAD AFTER OPERATION.
NEWARK, N. J., Feb. 3.—Richard Mennen, the millionaire druggist, died at his home, No. 20 Fulton street, this city, today from blood poisoning.

A week ago Mr. Mennen was operated on for a carbuncle which appeared on his neck. It gave him considerable trouble and the physician advised an operation which was performed on Friday. Blood poisoning developed Sunday, death ensuing as stated. Mennen leaves a widow and two children. He was fifty years old.

The druggist made a fortune in toilet powder, his wealth being estimated at \$2,000,000.

LARGER LIBRARY BOARD.
For the first time Mayor Low held a public hearing this morning. It was on a bill increasing the Board of Trustees of the public library. Astor, Tilden and Lenox foundations, by adding three ex-officio members—the Mayor, the Comptroller and the President of the Board of Aldermen.

No one was present to oppose the proposed law, but John T. Bigelow, Charles Howard Russell and John S. Kennedy appeared to favor it.

LIFE PRISONER TRIES SUICIDE.

RANDALL FOX, WHO KILLED HIS MAN, DESPERATE.

Cut His Throat and Dashed Head Against Prison Van, but Sent to Sing Sing.

Randall Fox, sentenced to life imprisonment for killing Grant Young, made two attempts to kill himself today. He cut his throat early this morning and later, when being taken to Sing Sing, he tried to dash his brains out against the wheels of the prison van.

Fox shot Young on Aug. 9 during an altercation over a crap game. He was tried and sentenced to a term of ten years in Justice Kenefick on Saturday. On his way out of the court-room Fox turned to Assistant District Attorney Schurman and said:

"I'll never serve my time or any part of it."

Early the keepers in the Tombs found that Fox was bleeding from a ten-inch gash in his throat. He had slashed himself with a piece of tin. Dr. O'Hanlon was called and Fox was sent to the hospital.

This afternoon at 2 o'clock he started for Sing Sing. As he reached the prison van he started forward and dashed his head against the wheel of the prison van. He cut his head open and rendered himself unconscious. He was again taken back to the Tombs and once more fixed up. Later he was taken to Sing Sing.

Then Every One Begins to Shout and President Clinton Dismisses Proceedings.
Borough President Cantor invited the street sign men to a public hearing today. It broke up in a row.

Heretofore buying supplies for the city has been a very secret matter. Mr. Cantor, however, departed from precedent, sending out invitations to every one who wants to sell the city street signs.

Members of the Municipal Art Commission sat with the Borough President and the street sign men brought up their wares and explained the merits. The Council chamber looked like the tinware room at a country fair.

POLICEMAN MAKES WIFE A PRISONER.

KROWL ARRESTS HER AFTER SHE DEMANDS SUPPORT.

Magistrate Crane Sets Her Free and Tells the Officer to Be More Discreet.

Policeman George Krowl this afternoon arrested his wife Florence and took her to the East One Hundred and Twenty-sixth street station. Krowl lives at No. 207 East One Hundred and Thirtieth street. Mrs. Krowl lives with her father and mother at No. 1720 Third avenue.

In answer to a letter which she received from her husband she met him on the corner of No. 100 and Third streets and told him that she was going to provide for her and that they would live peacefully hereafter.

"Nothin' doin'," growled her spouse. "Then you must give me some money for my support," she said. "I cannot give you any money."

He refused and started to walk away. She followed and then he arrested her. After going to the station Krowl took his prisoner to the Harlem Police Court, where Magistrate Crane was sitting.

After hearing the facts Magistrate Crane discharged the wife, telling her she must not annoy her husband on the street.

"As for you," he said to Krowl, "I advise you to be a bit more cautious in making arrests."

Then He Got Slapped, Scratched, Arrested and Three Months to Requit.
Samuel Deventon will spend the next three months in Raymond Street Jail, Brooklyn, because he was not able to restrain himself when he saw a kissable face within kissing distance. He kissed and got arrested.

The girl, who got angry when Deventon kissed her, is Mary Munch, a rosy-checked girl employed by a physician at No. 253 Huxes street. She is eighteen years old.

VERY LATEST NEWS IN BRIEFEST FORM.

JEFFRIES-FITZ MATCH IS OFF.

Champion Jim Jeffries and Bob Fitzsimmons will not be matched for some time yet. Jeffries met Jim Kennedy, the San Francisco promoter, in The Evening World office at 6 o'clock to-night and Jeffries refused to accept the terms offered by Kennedy and accepted by Fitz last Saturday. These terms were one-third of the gross receipts to each fighter and one-third to the club.

EXTENSIVE WATER FRAUDS DISCOVERED.

Extensive meter frauds have been discovered by the Water Supply Department. Fifty-two meters have been found to have been tampered with and sealed again with bogus seals. The method employed was to file off six of the cogs on a wheel in the meter so that only 40 per cent. of the water used was registered.

LATE RESULTS AT NEW ORLEANS.

Fifth Race—Circus 1. Echodale 2. Little Enemy 3. Sixth Race—Orla 1. Lord Neville 2. Pharoah 3.

AGED MAN DIES SUDDENLY.

Benjamin Smith was found dead at his residence, No. 129 Columbia street, at 3 P. M. to-day. He was seventy years of age. The cause of the old man's sudden death is unknown.

BOY MISSING A WEEK.

Charles Tichy, fifteen years old, of Pittsburg, Pa., is reported by the Charity Organization Society to have been missing a week. He is of medium build, weighs 130 pounds and has dark complexion and brown hair and eyes. He wears a blue overcoat, black suit and hat and black laced shoes.

COMMISSIONER HAWKES NAMES HIS SECRETARY.

Russell Bleecker was to-day appointed secretary to McDougall Hawkes, Commissioner of Docks and Ferries, at a salary of \$4,000 per annum. Mr. Bleecker has been for years past a resident of Richmond, and his appointment was endorsed by George Cromwell, President of the Borough of Richmond, and other influential citizens.

FOUR ESCAPE FROM WASHINGTON JAIL.

WASHINGTON, Feb. 3.—James Golden, Abraham Jacobs, Selden J. Williams and James French, "long-term men," escaped from the district workhouse to-day. After sawing one of the bars from the hall window, on the second floor landing, the men descended to the ground by means of a rope made of sheets.

YOUNG WOMAN STUDENT SHOTS HERSELF.

ANN ARBOR, Mich., Feb. 3.—Miss Agnes Englis, a sophomore medical student in the University of Michigan and the daughter of Dr. David Englis, of Detroit, one of the most prominent physicians in Michigan, committed suicide shortly after noon to-day in her room in the house of the Alpha Epsilon Iota Sorority, of which she was a member. Miss Englis, who was about twenty-five years of age and an exceptionally bright student, shot herself through the heart. It is said that hard study had unsettled her mind. She attended examinations this morning. Returning to her room, Miss Englis wrote several letters and then shot herself.

ODELL SUMMONS ALL GUDEN WITNESSES.

Subpoenas were received to-day by William E. Phillips, Jacob Brenner, Naval Officer Robert A. Sharkey, Coroner Philip T. Williams, William J. Beatty, Postmaster George H. Roberts, Jr., Deputy Fire Commissioner William H. Lalimber and Harry Jacquard, of the Kings County Republican Executive Committee, and Miss Cameron, secretary to Michael J. Dady, summoning them to appear before Gov. Odell in Albany to-morrow to testify relative to the charges against Sheriff Charles Guden. Most of those subpoenaed left for Albany this afternoon.

BIG BOOM IN LACKAWANNA SHARES.

Lackawanna, which has made great gains during the past few weeks, furnished the sensation of the day in the stock market, advancing over fourteen points by early afternoon. The stock, which made a gain of nine points the previous week, opened to-day at 279 3/4 and jumped a point or two between sales to 284 by 2 o'clock. Judging from the character of the buying some large interests seemed to be aiming at control of the property, and the old story that the Goulds were after the road was revived.

BURGLARS IN SILK HATS AND DRESS SUITS.

CHICAGO, Feb. 3.—A man giving his name as Edward P. Fake, also known as William H. Gibson, said to be engaged to marry the daughter of a Cleveland millionaire, and whose mother is said to be wealthy, is under arrest here charged with burglary. Fake, with eight others, is charged with having committed numerous burglaries. All wore silk hats and dress suits and travelled in a closed carriage to avert suspicion.

SPINSTER CHEERY AT 101 YEARS.

Miss Rachel Martense, who lives at Linden and Flatbush avenues, is to-day celebrating her 101st birthday. Miss Martense has lived in the town of Flatbush all her life. She had many callers to-day. Though a little deaf and slightly lame from a fall which she received when she was ninety years old Miss Martense is enjoying very good health.

FITZ MUST MEET JEFFRIES'S TERMS.

Boilermaker Says "I Will Fight on Any Reasonable Proposition for a Champion."

"I am the champion of the world and I will not allow Fitzsimmons or any other man I have defeated to dictate terms to me," said Jim Jeffries in The Evening World office this afternoon.

"I am willing to fight Fitz, and I think we would attract a bigger crowd than any two other men in the world. I want to make money, and so does Fitz, I guess. That's what we fight for. But he can't have it all his own way."

"My proposition is to fight for the biggest purse offered and the winner take all. If Fitz doesn't

like this it wasn't long ago he said that was what he wanted. Why, I will consider any reasonable proposition that might be made."

It is understood that the proposition Fitzsimmons agreed to last Saturday was an equal division of the gross receipts and picture privileges, one-third to each fighter and one-third to the club.

Manager Jim Kennedy says he can show Jeffries where he can make from \$15,000 to \$20,000.

But Jeffries is not inclined to agree to such terms. When he

fought Fitzsimmons and beat him two years ago the big boilermaker was compelled to take the small end (25 per cent.) of the purse, win or lose, and he hasn't forgotten it.

Jeffries was to have met Kennedy this afternoon, but was late, and had to rush over to Brooklyn for a matinee at the Star Theatre. A meeting has been arranged for to-night, and there will be a warm discussion.

If Kennedy can show Jeffries that he will make \$15,000 or more by fighting, the big boilermaker will accept without hesitancy; otherwise Fitz will have to come to the champion's terms.

LOOK FOR THE GUILTY ONES.

Court Directs Complete Investigation of Both the Tunnel Horrors.

Chief Justice Rufus B. Cowing, of the Court of General Sessions, in an impressive address to the February Grand Jury this morning instructed that body to bring to justice the persons responsible for the Park avenue collision and the Park avenue explosion, no matter how high their positions may be. If only negligence of persons in high places is found, he said, they are as guilty as though they stood over the exploding powder magazine or held the throttle in the cab of the colliding engine.

Justice Cowing designated Marshall E. Jeffries of No. 29 Washington place, to act as foreman of the Grand Jury. After the usual instructions regarding the duties of members of the Grand Jury, Justice Cowing said:

"During the past month there have occurred in this city two appalling disasters which not only caused great loss of life but shocked and disturbed the peace of the community.

"For the protection of human life laws have been enacted which, if enforced with severity and zeal, would make disasters of this kind almost impossible.

"In the two cases which I expect will be placed before you for action, if you find criminal negligence on the part of any person or persons, do not hesitate, no matter who they may be, to bring them before the bar of justice to be judged and punished.

"But these matters are of such public moment that the public generally has taken cognizance of them. These disasters have shocked the public and made it fearful that those upon whom these great responsibilities devolve should be ignorant of the fact that if they had prior knowledge of any neglect they are just as guilty as if they stood over the powder magazine at the time of the explosion or held the throttle of the colliding engine which snuffed out the lives of a score of men."

Members of the Grand Jury.
Besides the foreman the following gentlemen are the members of the February Grand Jury:

Archibald Mackay, real estate, No. 36 Broadway; Otto Henschel, furniture, No. 35 East Twelfth street; Robert E. Danvers, iron, No. 125 East Eleventh street; James Van Dyke Card, real estate, No. 10112 West Seventh street; Monroe L. Simon, Vice-President, No. 115 Broad street; Tom Sargent, bookkeeper, No. 29 Fourth avenue; John C. Moore, jeweller, Tiffany's, Union Square; Frederick H. Walker, broker, No. 24 West One Hundred and Sixteenth street; Robert C. Wood, broker, No. 30 Broad street; Henry Freeman, storage, No. 211 West One Hundred and Twenty-fifth street; William Gibson, secretary, No. 200 Broadway; David Herrmann, retired, No. 41 West One Hundred and Twenty-seventh street; Morris Herrmann, real estate, No. 331 East One Hundred and Nineteenth street; John Williams, manufacturer, No. 56 West Twenty-seventh street; John W. Price, real estate, No. 14 East Ninety-sixth street; Russell B. Cornell, paper, No. 16 Franklin street; Francis G. Gorman, manager, No. 22 Broadway; Caldwell R. Blakeman, broker, No. 107 Ninth street; George H. Stonebridge, real estate, No. 12 East Eighth street; William T. Murphy, No. 12 Duane street; George De F. Grant, retired, No. 11 Gramercy Park; and John Kane, contractor, No. 11 Perry street.

In Unbroken Line.
Pennsylvania Railroad trains to Chicago and St. Louis travel over the company's new unbroken road. Convenient schedule, rapid service.

AFTERNOON NEWS IN PARAGRAPHS.

ALMOST ASPHYXIATED.

Mrs. Kate Richter, twenty-one years old, and her two-and-a-half-year-old son, Harvey, were found unconscious from gas in their apartments at No. 24 Henry street to-day. They were taken to Gouverneur Hospital where they revived and went home.

ALMOST DEAD FROM COLD.

Nicholas McCarthy, sixty-five years old, was found almost dead from cold and exposure in a carriage shed attached to Hamlin's Hotel, at Ocean Parkway and Baylies lane, at noon to-day. Policeman John Kramer summoned an ambulance and had the old man taken to the Kings County Hospital. McCarthy has no home.

FALL KILLED WORKMEN.

Frederick August Unterberg, an iron worker living at Union Hill, N. J., and employed on a building in course of erection at No. 26 East Sixty-sixth street, was killed to-day by falling from the sixth floor to the basement.

BANK PRESIDENT DEAD.

ST. LOUIS, Feb. 3.—George A. Baker, President of the Continental National Bank, and connected with other large banking enterprises, died to-day of pneumonia at his residence here after a very short illness.

FOUR DEAD IN A COLLISION.

DUBUQUE, Ia., Feb. 3.—A rear-end collision to-day between freight trains on the Illinois Central at Apple River, Ill., resulted in the death of four stockmen and the injuring of five others.

OPERATION ON GEN. FUNSTON.

KANSAS CITY, Mo., Feb. 3.—A surgical operation was performed here today upon Gen. Frederick Funston at a hospital. It was stated that the General had undergone the ordeal in a satisfactory manner. Gen. Funston will have to remain at the hospital for probably two weeks.

JEROME FIGHTS METROPOLITAN.

General Manager Orrin Root, of the Metropolitan Street Railway Company, was before Assistant District Attorney Iselin this afternoon in connection with the crusade the District Attorney has begun against the company's violation of the Eight-Hour law. Mr. Iselin asked Mr. Root for a copy of the schedule of the company's workmen. Mr. Root pleaded ignorance, but promised to supply the schedule for Mr. Iselin's examination.

PROMINENT PHYSICIAN DEAD.

Dr. Henry R. Baldwin, one of the best-known medical men in New Jersey, died at his home in New Brunswick this afternoon of pneumonia. He was seventy-two years old.

DRIVEN OFF FOR WASHINGTON.

John F. Bryden, the newly elected Senator from New Jersey, left Newark for Washington to-day to be sworn in.

SERGEANTS TRANSFERRED.

Sergeant Todd, recently disciplined for harshness to a woman, was transferred to-day from the West Thirtieth station to the West Thirtieth station. Sergeant Wright, of the Arsenal, and Sergeant Dixon, of the East Eighth station, were transferred to West Thirtieth street. Sergeant Wood was transferred from the Arsenal to the Arsenal. Sergeant Madison, of the Arsenal, and Sergeant Rounsman, of the Arsenal, were transferred to the Arsenal.

DR. SCHULTZE REMOVED.

Dr. Louis W. Schultze, General Medical Superintendent of the Children's Department, has been removed by Commissioner Homer Parks. He was in charge of the insane division of Bellevue Hospital and the alcohol ward.

SMALL-POX AT BELLEVUE.

James Barry has been removed from the small-pox ward of Bellevue Hospital to the William Parker Hospital, suffering from smallpox. Barry was admitted to the institution on Sunday. This morning a corps of physicians from the Board of Health examined the patients in the pavilion and found the building.

COURT WILL NAME BABY.

Father and Mother Claim Golden-Haired Little Girl.

"Oh! Mamma, mamma!" came in a piping voice, starting the lawyers and law clerks and Justice Beach himself to-day.

"Let me go, papa, there is dear mamma," piped the voice again. And then a tiny three-year-old girl, a rare little beauty with golden curls, who answers to the given names of "Johanna Christina," but is waiting for the law to give her a family name, struggled out of the arms of Abraham Koppels, a good-looking young man, and toddling across the court chamber threw herself into the open arms of Anna Magdalena Van Beck-Mynche or Koppels, as you like.

It was Van Beck in Amsterdam ten years ago when she met Koppels, a diamond cutter. She was sixteen and he twenty. Religious differences prevented their marriage under the laws of Holland. So they dispensed with the formality and were happy till Johanna was born. Then Koppels's people ostracized him and he came to America. After two years he sent for her and their baby boy.

John F. Cawinga came to them March 2, 1890. Koppels prospered and became a dealer in diamonds, but their marriage was put off until Koppels's mother should die.

Theodore Mynche, and other diamond cutters, came over from Amsterdam. Longing for the honored title of wife, Anna Magdalena went away and married him in church. She took the children to their flat in East One Hundred and Nineteenth street, but when they returned from Pastor Wegener's the little girl was missing.

When father had taken her away, and when she pleaded with him to tell her she was his wife by the common law, and if she had been married to Mynche it was legal.

She got a writ of habeas corpus and it was in obedience to that writ that the father took little Johanna Christina to court today.

The young mother begged the golden-haired baby hysterically, and the baby pleaded with her mother not to leave her. But the father took the little one home again to hold her till Thursday, when the Court will decide whether her name is Koppels or Mynche.

BOSTON MILLIONAIRE DEAD.

James W. Tufts Expires at Pinehurst, N. C.

HALEIGH, N. C., Feb. 3.—James W. Tufts, a millionaire of Boston, and widely known as "Uncle Sam" Tufts, had gone to spend the winter at Pinehurst, N. C. He was President of the Soda Water Fountain Combination.

WEATHER FORECAST.

Forecast for the thirty-six hours ending at 8 P. M. Tuesday for New York City and vicinity—Fair and colder to-night; Tuesday fair and continued cold; high westerly winds, diminishing Tuesday.

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